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FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Despatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, April 2.

THE LATE COL. ROWERS.

The following order was promulgated to-day:

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, March 29, 1866.

General Orders No. 19.

The Secretary of War announces with deep regret announce the decease at Garrison Station, Long Island, N. Y., on the 6th inst., of Major Thomas T. Bowers, of the Adjutant General's Department, (Brevet Colonel U. S. army), at the age of thirty-three years.

Colonel Bowers began his military career as a private in Company G, 49th Regiment Illinois Infantry Volunteers, in October, 1861. He was commissioned First Lieutenant of his Company March 19th, 1862; was made an Aide-de-camp to General Grant April 9, 1862, and was appointed Captain and Aide-de-camp Nov. 1st, 1863. Feb. 19th, 1865, Captain Bowers was appointed Judge Advocate for the Department of Tennessee, with the rank of Major. After the surrender of Vicksburg, Major Bowers was assigned in orders as Assistant Adjutant General, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. July 19, 1864, Colonel Bowers was made Captain and Assistant Quartermaster in the regular army, and was appointed, Jan. 6, 1865, to the Adjutant General's Department, with rank of Major. He was brevetted Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel in the United States army for gallant and meritorious services during the war. March 13, 1866, he was ordered unconditionally to the field, with the Lieut. Gen. until the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox Court House. Colonel Bowers left our army headquarters at Washington, D. C. The army generally has to mourn the loss of a brother officer, whose virtues as a man, whose military qualities, and whose soldierly conduct, have won the admiration and worthy of emulation. The officers of the Adjutant General's Department will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

By command of
Lieut. Gen. U. S. GRANT.
E. D. TOWNSEND, A. A. G.

RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION.

The following resolution was introduced into the House to-day by Mr. Raymond: That a committee of five persons be appointed to consider in their report at the next session of Congress, upon some more speedy, cheap and reasonable means of transportation between the Mississippi River and the Atlantic seaboard, and to submit some plan, whether by treaty or law, whereby the national Government, now and in providing for said transportation, which can be found to exist, provided that said commissioners shall not be allowed to receive any compensation for their services, and no pay of any kind except for actual and necessary expenses. In bringing this forward, Mr. Raymond said he did not think it necessary to refer it to any committee, as the members of the House were agreed that some better means of communication between the East and West ought to be provided. He would only say that the road, even for a day or two, when he would call it up and explain his views, and his request was granted.

CONVERSATION WITH THE EMPEROR AT RICHMOND.

The stories which have been circulated so industriously with the object of creating the belief in the action of the Government with respect to the confiscation of the 8th of April by the colored people of Richmond, and the seizure of the property which has been mentioned in the Cabinet, and consequently there has been no quarrel between the President and any of his Cabinet officers on that question. Even the rebels belong to the men who think it, to A. F. Parsons, who has the contract for excavating it, or to 30 C schoonsers who owns the ground.

A private letter from Central Texas informs the New York Tribune that the Freedmen's Bureau throughout the State are doing well. They will make, if the season is good, one hundred thousand bales of cotton than were produced before in a single crop. The freedmen are thinking of nothing else than work, and are not at all tired. They are enlisted till the end of the war.

THE NEWS.

The rebel cruiser Shenandoah was sold in England on the 9th inst for $100 currency.

Since May last the Government has sold 80,000 horses and mules, realizing therefor the sum of over $14,000,000.

Two thousand German immigrants have arrived at St. Joseph, en route to the rich valleys of the Republican and Blue rivers in Nebraska.

The Legislature of Utah has passed a final act providing for a State Government. The session has been a busy and prolific one. The timber proceedings will be found in our Des Moines letter.

The President's proclamation, announcing the entire suppression of the rebellion, will be issued in the telegraph columns. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue, anticipating the expression of the President's "policy," will soon be found there.

We have news from Europe to the 23d ult. The Queen has issued a new order-in-council to the British Parliament and confirmed to be the three days of Rochelon throughout the United Kingdom.

Mr. Raymond offered a resolution in the House yesterday, calling for the appointment by the President of a commission to consist of five persons, whose duty it shall be to investigate the subject of increased facilities for transportation between the Mississippi River and the Atlantic coast, the commission to report to the next session of Congress.

Action on the President's veto has been delayed until Wednesday next, in consequence of the absence of several Senators, who have announced the remainder of the late Senator Pool to attend the funeral in Salem.

In the Senate, yesterday, Senator Wilson of Massachusetts, from the Military Committee, reported back the bill to amend the act to provide for the better organization of the military establishment of the United States, with the recommendation that it do pass. The bill provides, as in the former one, for the payment of $2 50 for each month's service rendered by the militia and volunteers, and for Home guards or troops called out for local service are excepted from the benefits of the act.

There has not been a single case of desertion in the army of the United States on the 25th ult.: White, 57,111; colored, 13,351—giving an aggregate of 68,962. The total number of deserters from the army during the year was 76,614. The total number remaining in the army, when mustered out now ordered mustered out, is 800,000.

The St. Louis *Democrat* of Saturday says that some fifteen thousand tons of railroad iron are now on the way up the river from New Orleans. A good portion has already arrived at that port by boat, and quite an amount is piled on the opposite side of the river, awaiting transfer.

The St. Joseph *Union*, of the 26th says: The large train of wagons, belonging to Wills & Chappell, for Montana, that have been camped on the lot, corner of Fifth and Edmond streets, leave this morning under the charge of Messrs Klipatrick and Langford. A number of minor trains are outfitting here for the mines, and will leave in a few days.

The St. Paul *Press* of the 20th says workmen engaged in excavating the cellar for the Schermerhorn Block in that city, have turned a vein of silver and copper ore. Specimens of the ore have been shown to E. Dean, the rebel

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TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1866.

OUR CITY ELECTION.

The approaching city election is beginning to attract the attention of our people in a very properly. In short of the possible arrival of choices during the present year we shall need more than ever the advantages of a good city government. We need one that will be economically and wisely run; that will be in the interest of cleanliness and morality, without needlessly interfering with the great business interests on which our city depends for its prosperity. In the choice of men for the possible area of every ward should cast about them carefully, and select the most sensible and able man in their Ward who will serve. Give no more whimsical tastes and no experiments will excuse them for having imposed upon, whose personal character will place them above being bought, and whose public spirit will induce them to devote their time and talents to the public service. Let no narrow objectives that shall be distinctively and patriotic.

But our election, occurring at this juncture, will have a political as well as local importance. Chicago is eminently qualified on every question of National policy, and stands with Congress in its present noble effort to place the government of the Southern States and to keep that of the Union in the hands of loyal men. It will also be strongly opposed to and by playing with loaded dice, i. e. with copperheads who profess to be Republicans, that the principles of republicanism can fail to be sustained triumphantly at the coming Presidential election. Two years ago the city stood to avoid, viz: Newly and doubtfully converted Republicans fresh from the ranks of copperheadism; and Republicans, if there are any such, who are disposed to cater to copper-head votes by holding up Andrew Johnson as his fail. Rank bail all such candidates, by whom on side or the other of those who vote for them is certain to be cheated, and the only uncertainty is as to which way.

Let us proclaim our platform so clearly and firm that nobody will be in doubt on the day of election as to whether a treacherous Democrat is rebuked or whatever of brazen-faced copperhead he shows his face in opposition. Candidates can easily be found in each Ward who will answer both the required qualifications—who will give us a good city government in Chicago, and who will stand shoulder to shoulder with Congress and the loyal people in their support of loyal governments for the re-instructing States and for the Federal Union. With such candidates as the fellows are sure of success. Let us have no more nominations, from whatever quarter they may come, though entrance was demanded by Mr. Grimes, as Chairman of the Senate Committee, having charge of everything relating to the welfare of the district. Prior to the war Washington was chiefly kept up by the fashionable patron by dressing himself up in a Brigadier General's uniform, pretending to have a commission from the President, and sending out to Illinois, or obtained in order from there, Provost's Assistant General McKeever, for the 35th regiment of the Illinois Volunteers to be removed from St. Louis to Maryland, to serve by General Schenck, probably in Western Virginia. All this cost the Government, for mere transportation, $20,000, at a time when it was straining every nerve to send troops West instead of East. That fact, had it been known at the time by the President, was not obtained personally from the Government, but on the order from the Provost's Assistant General McKeever, for the 35th regiment of the Illinois Volunteers to be removed from St. Louis to Maryland, to serve by General Schenck, probably in Western Virginia. All this cost the Government, for mere transportation, $20,000, at a time when it was straining every nerve to send troops West instead of East. That fact, had it been known at the time by the President, was not obtained personally from the Government, but on the order from the Provost's Assistant General, had no brigade, and came no nearer to a Brigadier than any other bragadocio. In the course of this business he imposed himself on Mr. Cadle, who had charge of transportation in the Western Department, by being introduced to him as a General, and wearing the dress of a military officer. He succeeded in ordering and obtaining from that gentleman a special car and engine on to carry himself and his friends from St. Louis to Springfield, at the expense of the Government.

In Select Committee of the House of Representatives, reporting on these facts, said:

"He seems to have made use of his official position as a member of the House of Representatives, and his assumed position as a Brigadier General, to secure his object of removing his regiment, and in travelling to special trains at public expense. This is a most censurable act, tantamount to being a common beggar and swindler, a vain, lying, empty impostor.

This is the man who now turns up, to cast the mantle of Abraham Lincoln over the blackest treason that ever [illegible] Of all the [illegible] assignees of Mr. Lincoln's favors, we know of but this one who seriously disgraced the President while living, and it is perfectly proper that this same Luther or Lemon should pocket-like, attempt to feed on him after his death. Of all Mr. Lincoln's confidential friends, not one but believes that he would have acted differently for the good of the country, as it has to the year of contemporary, which is full of instruction in every feature. We extract a few particulars respecting education in different sections between the Atlantic and the Mississippi.

In these statistics, the column of "public funds" represents, in general, the bounty of the United States Government; that of "taxes," the care of different sections for the education of their own people; and that of "other sums," the provision made by individuals for their own children—the latter establishing the education of a caste, and the former securing the education of the people. While we freely accord to New England the honor which these statistics reflect upon her, we may still be allowed to claim that the Northeastern States were before the North-west in time rather than in zeal.

In 1825, the people of Illinois had raised by taxes and by other means, raised in 1859, and more in all, than all New England, except Massachusetts, raised in 1859.

EXPENDITURES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN 1859.

	From Public Funds	From Taxes	From Other Sources	Total
Virginia	$43,079	$60,000	$210,377	$314,026
N. Carolina	100,000	77,000	18,000	195,000
S. Carolina	1,200	65,000	100,000	166,200
Georgia	80,000	70,000	100,000	250,000
Florida	8,000	500	27,000	35,500
Alabama	2,000	30,000	70,000	102,000
Mississippi	53,000	24,000	50,000	127,000
Texas	4,500	97,000	95,000	196,500
Total States				
Relief St's	$140,000	$297,000	$1,097,377	$1,543,970
Ill. Ind. O.	1,300,000	800,000	400,000	2,500,000
Pa. N.Y.	1,200,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	3,200,000
Total	$2,440,000	$2,097,000	$2,497,377	$7,243,970
Free St's	4,363,977	1,833,460	726,100	6,723,537
Delaware	14,000	7,000	2,000	23,000
Kentucky	16,000	12,000	15,000	43,000
Missouri	51,978	30,000	194,000	275,978
Border St's	181,281	141,626	156,000	478,907
Total St's	4,455,726	1,974,626	894,100	7,364,452
Total	$6,895,726	$4,071,626	$3,391,477	$14,608,422
States and Territories West of the Mississippi				693,000
Total Expenditures for Public Schools				9,301,452
For Colleges, &c				1,806,020
For Academies, &c				4,883,046
Total for Education				$16,102,000

Number reported as in school during the year 1850, compared with the whole number of whites between 5 and 20, in round numbers:

	Whites from 5 to 20.	Scholars.
South Carolina	108,000	60,000
Vermont	109,000	98,000
Georgia	300,000	150,000
Maine	215,000	190,000
Virginia	345,000	170,000
Vermont and Maine	324,000	288,000

The proportion of pupils to the native white population, and to the whole population, was as follows:

	To native whites.	To all
Virginia	1 to 6	1 to 10
Pennsylvania	1 to 4	1 to 6½
South Carolina	1 to 5	1 to 10½
New York	1 to 3¾	1 to 4½
Georgia	1 to 5	1 to 10
Ohio	1 to 3½	1 to 4½

It is to be observed that this disparity will be very greatly increased if we take into account immigration and progress. The foreigners who have brought disobedience, and heresy, and sects into the world, and printing has diffused them, are filled against the most governments. God keep us from both."

There was planted on this continent the strife between medieval barbarism and modern civilization. The revival of letters led the way to religious and civil liberty; and education is leading right on from year to year the religious and civil and social reformation of mankind. So it has done in the North; so it would have done in the South, if slavery had not been a barrier, which the free school could not pass. And so the North went on into the nineteenth century, while the South remained in the sixteenth. In the same year (1831, the Governor of Connecticut reported that one-fourth of the revenues of the colony were devoted to the support of free schools; and, in the same year also, South Carolina, which had recently settled only for a time before, resolved its first cargo of negro slaves; and since that Virginia and South Carolina have been the twin centres of the aristocratic and slave-holding civilization of America.

Of the progress of the two, thus, the present took root. In New England were the middle ages of Englishmen, with the free church and the free school; intelligent labor owning itself and directing capital. In Virginia and Carolina neither free church nor free school, but the lord and serb of England, with the additional element of negro slavery. We have here not simply the experiment of democracy and aristocracy. The latter has introduced into a community already divided between patricians and plebians, not only places a barrier against enlightened ideas and institutions, but produced that anomalous, and to political economy monstrous phenomenon, called the "poor white," a creature without wealth or work, without position or hope, the more overwhelmed of a diseased system.

In the course of two hundred years these general features have grown and fixed the land. Liberty and education had developed wealth, and power, and energy, and thought, and conviction. New England had extended her institutions over the whole of her original charter, "from the Atlantic Ocean to the South Sea," and had come numerous over the whole world; while her ideas, which are the soul, New England was [illegible] whether the communists are to be [illegible] to possess [illegible] are investing all Christendom and all [illegible] London. [illegible] there were [illegible] Virginia and Carolina [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

THE DURFEE MURDER CASE.

Who and What the Parties Were.

FULL CONFESSION OF THE MURDERER.

A Shocking Recital of Crime and Dissolution.

[From the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Eagle.]

Some time last October we chronicled the finding of a little boy about seventeen months old, in the woods near Ada, Kent county, who had strolled all night with but scanty clothing, and when found was not just alive. Then the finding of Mrs. Durfee's body was reported with, that, from its appearance it had been left there to perish from cold and hunger. Also, the finding of Norris Durfee's body, or rather the body of a woman was found on Mr. Durfee's premises, in which the child was found, and where the child was found, murdered while he had his throat cut—lying on her back, some twenty feet from the road, evidently from her appearance, having lain there some time. By reason of the coldness of the weather, the body had decayed but little. One hand and her face had been considerably eaten by mice.

The next day the body was identified as that of the woman who had passed as H. N. Durfee's wife and mother of the little boy found wandering. She had stopped at the Bridge House House, and were at once recognized by Jas. Gardner and Mr. Bookhout.

There was no doubt then, as to who had committed the horrible deed, and the most diligent search was made for the murderer. The officers of the law, immediately commenced the search for Durfee. He had marked and peculiar appearance. Twenty-five years of age, about one hundred and fifty pounds in weight, with white hair and eyebrows, and a face that was quite sallow in its hue. When he reads he bends his face nearly down to the book, and appears to read entirely with his left eye; his whole appearance indicated cruelty and determination.

He had a sister, a Mrs. Stanton, residing at Gardner Center, where she made Durfee was living with her, after he left Schermerhorn Hotel. The officers soon traced him to Boston, Ionia county, to the house of his brother, Henry B. Durfee, resided. They learned that Sim Watson's name was Mrs. Durfee's maiden name, and that she was a sister of that Sim Watson who was in the penitentiary. That she was one of three children, born at the same time. That Mrs. Frita Adams was her sister, and that the little boy was her own grandchild. They also learned that she had left home on Monday of September last, Hiram L. Belden, who was a nephew to Mrs. Durfee, and was about twenty years of age, living with Mrs. Durfee at the time, and his boy. They were married on Monday, and that night Belden was taken violently ill, at the house of his uncle, Henry Belden. He was attended in his illness by Dr. Hall, of Boston, and Belden told him why would come in consistently and see him. He died on the Monday following. A doctor was called in to see Mrs. Durfee, and found her sick. There was grave suspicion that this woman had poisoned Belden. The officers also learned that Belden had left property, bonds and bonuses; that this Durfee had disposed of it, and that he had skipped there.

Yesterday, the 28th, a large and excited crowd gathered at the Court House, and every corner in waiting some time or three hours before the magistrate for his examination. Durfee was brought in Prosecuting Attorney Bolt opened the case to the Court by stating the circumstances of the finding of the corpse of Durfee and by the counsel of the murder of Durfee by Durfee, who had been appointed by the Court to read the body. Dr. Foster, read the report of the inquest, which was substantially as follows: Dr. Foster was duly sworn, and testified to service at Columbus, Ohio, August 11th, 1866, and went to my brother's, Henry Durfee. The next morning, the 12th, I went out and found a girl by the name of Harriet Durfee, about seventeen months old. I had no knowledge of it, and handed it to the boy, and stood some seventeen months. I then went out and found Mrs. Ha Durfee, on the 13th, in the Hathorn House, in Boston, in the township of Ionia, in the county of Ionia, and State of Michigan, to go into the house of Cornelius Brown, about seven miles from Boston. Drove to the house and found her in the hotel; went up into one room; after I got there I found her in bed; went to the room; offered it to me, and says, this is a little child in my lap; says, I have got a child, she would like the old fool drink the rest of it; she would like the old fool had some more of it; then asked her if she would like some; she said she would like it; then asked her if she would like to see her husband's horses and buggy.

"I saw Mrs. Belden, and told her that I had got her horses and harness. I told her that I had got a buyer for them, and that I had got the harness. She said she was going to see her aunt in Minnesota, and that she would like to go to Minnesota. I told her that I would go and sell herself. On the 15th Mrs. Belden started for Minnesota, thinking to meet me there and be ready to start, on the 16th of September, Henry B. Durfee took me to Boston, on the 16th of October, 1865, Mrs. Belden, her little boy, Johnny, and myself left Cornelius Brown's house, and arrived at Ionia at night, and stopped at the Weddel House as usual. I was quite unwell that night. I thought she had poisoned me. I told her something in some cakes I ate, that she had been trying to poison me.

On the morning of the 17th, I went over to the New England House about 10 o'clock, and found Mrs. Belden there. I went to the 17th to the Weddel House. Mrs. Belden asked me how I would marry her. I told her I never would. I then told her I would get a receipt and she asked her to sign it. She did so with a pencil. I then took the receipt out of my pocket and

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THE CITY.

The rumor now on foot is denied by Sergeant A Stratton's friends to protect their business situation.

A Tree Abroad.—Richmond was taken. What important changes have been wrought in that short year!

"Blackmail's" Opening Day.—Our lady readers will be set on the qui vive, by the information that Brodhead's, Waterman Block, 167 Lake street, is preparations for his first season opening at Millinery, to take place on Tuesday of the present week.

Christian Association.—An adjourned meeting of the Academy Methodist Ladies' Community Association will be held this morning, at 10 o'clock, in room No. 12 N. B. Block. A general attendance is earnestly requested.

City Hussum.—The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' City Mission will be held this afternoon, at three o'clock, in room 17, M. E. Church Block. Parties and official members of the several M. E. Churches in the city are invited to attend.

Personal.—Our letter from Berlin, Prussia, mentions Mrs. Dr. Brainerd and daughter, Mrs. Miss. Mrs. Kreisch and daughter, Mrs. Howard, Miss Dodford, Mr. Ogle (relative of Governor), and Drs. Reier and Woodworth, all of Chicago, as being in that city.

A Reunion of the Republicans of the Sixteenth Ward will be held in Room No. 1 Ulich's Block this evening, for the consideration of Ward nominations. A full of the attendance of Ward committee. Let all attend. By order of the Ward Committee.

Personal.—Among the arrivals at the Tremont House are Hon. Reuben Fenton, ex-Governor of this State, of Springfield; Gen. Pillow, Tragedian, England; Hon. D. L. Phillips, Hon. Matt. Carpenter, St. Louis; Hon. T. C. Durant, Minnesota; Hon. Jr. D. John Dale, Boston and Colonel Small, Iowa.

The Annual Sermons before the Society of Inquiry of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of the Northwest, will be delivered by the Rev. S. J. Niccolls, of St. Louis, in the Fullerton Avenue Presbyterian Church, (North Side), this evening, at 7½ o'clock. All are invited to attend.

Burglary.—Some time during Sunday night, some persons burglariously entered E. A. Sheridan & Brother's clothing store, No. 187 South Clark street, and carried off upwards of $400 worth of ready made clothing and furnishing goods. The thieves gained an entrance by removing a pane of glass from the rear window.

Convention.—The Union Good Templars' Convention will be held in this city to-morrow (Wednesday) at 10 a. m. Place of meeting, Trinity Mission Chapel, corner of Sangamon and Lake streets. Delegates are informed that there are over forty lodges in the two counties, from most of which delegates are expected.

Dress Goods.—We call the attention of the trade to the advertisement, on the first page of this issue, of a choice lot of Dress Goods, just received from auction, by the new firm of Partridge, Arnold & Stimson, No. 81 and 83 Michigan avenue. This stock will be sold at prices as low as those of mining by the old firm. Parties should call early.

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A Dangerous Glass.—A lad named John Fisher, who has been employed as a clerk in Samuel L. Alexander's clothing store, No. 93 Randolph street, was brought before the Police Court yesterday morning, charged with the theft of sundry valuables from the store. The evidence was conclusive, and he was committed to the County Jail in default of $500 bail, for trial in the Recorder's Court.

An Assignable Surprise.—On Friday evening last, Rev. W. C. Jackson, Pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church, was called upon by a small party of his congregation, who were laden with baskets of good things, and other stores of a domestic character, which they unloaded at the parsonage, with the intelligence that they had come to stay (for the night) and partake with him of the bountiful harvest in the Lord's vineyard.

City Lucrers or Vehicles.—Drivers of express wagons, hacks, drays, double teams, etc., are advised to remember that the time for renewing their licenses will be from the 1st to the 3d of May next, and extends only till the 10th instant. Parties who have not then complied with these licenses will be subject to arrest and punishment as violators of the municipal ordinances to those cases made and provided. It will be worth while to remember the fact.

Presbyterian.—D. Matchin, Esq., for three years past Superintendent of the Bridgeport Rolling Mills, was on last day last walked on by a committee of the workmen and presented, in behalf of their fellow employees with a magnificent silver tea service. Mr. Matchin, in addition to a token of their high esteem. Mr. Matthias is a native of this city, and is the manager of the rolling mills of Hamilton, C. W.

Violation of Rack Ordinance.—John Dillon, (not the intimidate accordion,) but, a hackman, was fined $5 and costs, in the Police Court yesterday forenoon, for driving his vehicle on Sunday night without having the lamps lit. When arrested by an officer, and brought to the station for violating the ordinance, he prosecuted an old permit which he had procured from the Mayor, authorizing him to drive, without lights for one night only.

Church Work.—The Methodist Episcopal Church of Austin, in Cook, have raised $6,000 on Sunday last for the purpose of clearing their beautiful little edifice from debt and making some further improvements. The enterprise was conducted by Rev. W. Kelly, D. D., of this city.

We are requested to say that the carol sung "Christ is Risen" at the Sunday School of Grace Church (Episcopal), was composed by Mr. G. C. Ferguson, the organist at Trinity, and not as reported.

Another Body found Floating in the River.—Last evening, some men engaged in repairing a vessel, near the foot of Lake street, discovered an object floating in the river which, on closer inspection, proved to be the body of a man. A rope was attached to the body and it towed to the shore, after which the matter was reported at the Third Precinct Police Station. Capt. Miller despatched Officer Delaney to the spot, and he found that it was a late boarder sight, still remained in the water. It is probable that it will be removed to the dead house to-day and an inquest held.

Voters of the Fourth Ward.—The Board of Registry for the Second District of the Fourth Ward have issued a notice, as follows:

Whereas, The Common Council at a late meeting thereof, changed the limits of the voting district of the Fourth Ward, so that all that part of the said ward lying south of the center of Twenty-second street to the center of Twenty-third street, and between the center of the said Twenty-third street near to registered in the North Side Registry District. The next meeting of the Board of Registry will be on the 10th day of April, and remain in session two days.

Fire.—The alarm of fire between 9 and 10 o'clock yesterday morning was occasioned by the partial burning of a house situated on Taylor street, between Union and Fourth avenues. The house was occupied by a family named Mrs. Shade and Mrs. Mooney. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue, as it broke out on the attic floor of the building, and in the rear portion. The speedy arrival of the steamers saved the building from destruction, but the furniture was almost destroyed, and the few goods saved before it had reached the ground were much damaged by the flames.

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Burglary.—Some time during Sunday night, some persons burglariously entered E. A. Sheridan & Brother's clothing store, No. 187 South Clark street, and carried off upwards of $400 worth of ready made clothing and furnishing goods. The thieves gained an entrance by removing a pane of glass from the rear window.

Convention.—The Union Good Templars' Convention will be held in this city to-morrow (Wednesday) at 10 a. m. Place of meeting, Trinity Mission Chapel, corner of Sangamon and Lake streets. Delegates are informed that there are over forty lodges in the two counties, from most of which delegates are expected.

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Presbyterian.—D. Matchin, Esq., for three years past Superintendent of the Bridgeport Rolling Mills, was on last day last walked on by a committee of the workmen and presented, in behalf of their fellow employees with a magnificent silver tea service. Mr. Matchin, in addition to a token of their high esteem. Mr. Matthias is a native of this city, and is the manager of the rolling mills of Hamilton, C. W.

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Church Work.—The Methodist Episcopal Church of Austin, in Cook, have raised $6,000 on Sunday last for the purpose of clearing their beautiful little edifice from debt and making some further improvements. The enterprise was conducted by Rev. W. Kelly, D. D., of this city.

We are requested to say that the carol sung "Christ is Risen" at the Sunday School of Grace Church (Episcopal), was composed by Mr. G. C. Ferguson, the organist at Trinity, and not as reported.

Another Body found Floating in the River.—Last evening, some men engaged in repairing a vessel, near the foot of Lake street, discovered an object floating in the river which, on closer inspection, proved to be the body of a man. A rope was attached to the body and it towed to the shore, after which the matter was reported at the Third Precinct Police Station. Capt. Miller despatched Officer Delaney to the spot, and he found that it was a late boarder sight, still remained in the water. It is probable that it will be removed to the dead house to-day and an inquest held.

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COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting—The Mayoralty Relation—Licenses of the Year—International Interments—Work on Water Street—The Eight Hour Movement.

THE CHICHIRE IN THE COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the Common Council was held last evening in the Council chamber—His Honor the Mayor in the Chair. There were also present Aldermen Cune, Knickerbocker, Stamp, Carter, Bennett, Wheeler, Hoffman, Smith, Blackstone, Kane, Wallwork, Hatch, Boone, Rafferty, Pfister, Woodard, Cullerd, Holden, Bixby, Reed, Stowell, Hoyne, Cleaver, Hildreth, Bielby, Frost, Rich, Lawless, Hackett, Woodman and Cary. The proceedings of the previous meeting of the regular meetings read, on motion of Ald. Knickerbocker, approved without reading.

A communication was received from the Mayor, to the effect that the action of the Council in passing the petition of C. L. Jenks to remove the building from one locality to the one fixed to station, was in excess of their power, the authority to remit such action being duly vested in the Board of Police and Fire.

Ald. Wheeler moved to reconsider the vote by which the said petition was passed. Lost.

Ald. Cleaver then moved to refer it to the Board of Public Works, with power to act. The motion prevailed.

The following communication was received from the Mayor:

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Chicago.

GENTLEMEN:—I respectfully inform you the Clerk of either Charles Tunnicliffe, Chief of the Mayor's Police Force, for the year ending April 4, 1870, in acknowledgments of services rendered to the City Attorney and Corporation Counsel. The number of licenses issued, and fees collected during the year amount to 3,131; for the preceding year, 3,071, showing a difference in favor of the last year of 1,837 large increase in a great part due to the faithful and efficient services of Mr. Tunnicliffe. He has discharged their exacting duties, and I defer to other Boards for information from the office for the arduous work performed by each and all of them.

J. B. Rice, Mayor.

The following was the report referred to:

CHICAGO, April 4, 1870.

To His Honor the Mayor:

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Many persons have been found, who upon doing business upon other person's location, having bought their from parties engaged in business refused to take out licenses, claiming that they had followed generally to have such license transferred to them by their predecessors. This practice was prohibited by law, which accounts for the large number of transfers appearing in the Clerk's office.

Ald. Clark appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Chair was not sustained. Ayes, 34; noes 12.

THE EIGHT HOUR MOVEMENT.

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An Interesting Report of Speaker Coke.

[Special Despatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, April 4.

The following very interesting letter has been addressed by Speaker Coke, from a room of high respectable position in the North, who has spent over a month—time in Texas, and knows whereof he writes. It is for all round reasons:

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 31, 1870.

Hon. Schuyler Colfax:

My Dear Sir:—When I started I promised my kind letter and note of introductory to Gov. Hamilton but fail, I hope, of in his to started at once for Texas, to have the pleasure of meeting you there. That is, I intended to start at once, but was delayed until the early part of February, and then was detained by the illness of Governor Throckmorton, and the consequent embarrassment of the situation. I therefore remained two weeks at Austin, and then came to this city, where I have been ever since. The delay of the Governor's illness was unfortunate, as it prevented the organization of an Executive Council, which would have relieved him from the pressure of business, and given him time to recover. The Governor's illness was the result of a severe attack of typhoid fever, and while he was convalescent, probably over three weeks, he was unable to transact any business. He is now improving rapidly, and will be able to resume the duties of his office in a few days. The Governor's illness was unfortunate, as it prevented the organization of the